

marriage fever is about 212 in our office, so will advise the readers in a later issue.

We are informed by Mr. Harvey, our master mechanic, that Santa Claus comes more than once a year to some of us who are good.

Ed Baron, our file clerk, lost a box of cigars on the world's series. Sure will be keen ones, and know we will enjoy smoking them.

We are wondering if Ethel is going to follow suit. Understand she said if a certain party got married she would run a close second.

Charles Elliott, our porter, has been telling us for a long time that his girl, Bell, was very sick. The other morning the writer inquired as to how Bell was getting along and he replied by saying, "Man, she is still sick, I guess, for the other night I called and there was a sign on the door which read, 'Bell still out of order!'"

Miss Nichols, our comptometer operator, had a date the other night and got all the way up town before she discovered she had her dress on wrong side out. Take your time, Nora, from now on, make him wait a little longer.

Don Fellows, formerly shop accountant, Eastern Division, has been transferred to the West Shop. We all wish him the best of luck.

Carl Keiser, our sheik, has a mirror installed in his Ford. When a certain person inquired as to the necessity for the mirror, Carl said he didn't want anyone in the back seat to take a drink and not give him one.

Allen Moore, our timekeeper, advises us he was out until 1:30 a. m. the other morning on a weiner roast. We all wonder if Allen was up that late or if he was just dreaming.

Millard F. Brown, our assistant timekeeper and reporter, sure is happy these days. Why shouldn't he be, with such a fine, little, auburn-haired sweetie. Millard says she is just the one.

Charles Thompson says married life is just fine. The only thing, would like to have a little advice as to how to make biscuits raise. He says the chest of sterling silver and mirrors presented to him by his many friends on the division sure comes in handy. Charles takes this means of thanking each and everyone, as it was a present which will be an everlasting memory from his many friends.

### Kansas City

By Premiskus Lee

His wife suggested something in the electrical line for hubby's Xmas gift to her, and the old dear searched the town for an electric chair.

Why do they measure power in the terms of a horse. Because everybody is supposed to have a certain amount of horse sense.

An agriculturalist once stated that a black sheep in a family was a liability but that a black soil farm was an asset. Those are my views.

Now that winter is sneaking upon us, it is an opportunity to wear that vest and those patched shirts, as a reminder.

Teacher—Generally speaking, what animal is it that attracts the eye of most people?

Little John—Don't know about the eye, but if it's the nose, I sure can tell yuh.

They say fighters are born and I guess it's right 'cause Firpo came over on a boat and avoided the regular procedure.

The flies and gnats all having gone into the wine making business, we, who snooze with our mouths unclosed, can now safely carry on without the mid-summer danger.

They used to say ball games cannot be fixed—too many players involved. Why it's so rotten that most any player in the big league can tell you where his team is going to play five months in advance.

Show me a pedestrian who can walk like Edward Peyson Wetson did, and I will show you a roadster that can run him down, quotes the "Wild Motorist of Azekia," as he picks a body off the street and carelessly tosses it to the curb.

It is oft times said that all things come to him who waits, but we cannot all be Greeks.

The Chinks are having a wonderful time in the rice fields over there. Chop Suey will be a drug on the market if the slaughter does not subside.

If we continue to pass blue laws, there will be no incentive for us to live to a ripe old age, and I say that the boys who now are giving up at the tender age of 100 and 110 are fully aware of this.

You can't tell by the way a man carries a grip what it contains, but if he should look around more than once, it will be safe to say, "Yes, he has."

Babe Ruth's all-star selection only look like ball players—nuthin' else.

If you want to fool a jug put some water in it on Xmas morning.

### Stores Department, Sherman

Mrs. Iva Sewell

My, what excitin' times we've been having lately. First, was the Red River Valley Fair, held here September 29th to October 2nd. 'Course we all went two or three times a piece. The things of interest to us was that on Ford Day a public weddin' was held before the stadium and the groom is an employe of the Frisco here. By them a marryin' out there before everybody they had about a thousand dollars worth of presents given them, includin' the ring, license, shoes, hats and suits for 'em both. We all wished we could get married again.

And next was the circus. Yes-sir-ree, Ringling-Barnum Circus was here October 6th. All of 'em went to that, even Mr. Guin, and he enjoyed it, too, 'cause I heard him expressing his opinion of the woman that went in the cage with the tigers, but I won't tell what he said as it might cause trouble.

What interested Jimmy Honaker most was feedin' the elephants peanuts. He said he couldn't even fill one up let alone 27. He was also interested in a new kind of hair grower that he

saw out there. All bald headed men will find it worth while to send him a personal note, only Jimmie is not bald headed.

C. V. Montgomery tells us he went out and saw "Old Folks." Said he sure had some fine looking ancestors.

Some how it was necessary for Sid Beacon, G. W. Koontz and O. H. McCarty to have business in Sherman on circus day. C. H. Baltzell was here that day, too.

L. McMillan said the only thing that he saw wrong with the circus was that he did not have enough eyes. He couldn't watch seven rings with two eyes.

I nearly forgot the most important news on the Texas Lines. The future president of the U. S. and the future president of the Frisco System arrived the other day at the home of A. T. Todd, storekeeper at Fort Worth. Mr. Todd is very proud of his sons. He said he knew that Dublin Turn would get some one in trouble.

### Relay Telegraph, Springfield, Missouri

By W. B. Claybourn

Maxwell "W" is back on the night job after several weeks daylight run. 'Tis said many of the night boys are glad.

The Tulsa excursion provided an interesting trip, but no sleep for Strain. Says two nights and no sleep makes dots and dashes all sound alike to him.

Manager Sherwood was out of sight a couple of days, understand in the vicinity of St. Joe. Picking up votes, maybe.

If "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," Shepherd ought to be "pretty sweet papa." Starting to work the other morning he got the wrong sack and brought the week's supply of sugar to work instead of his lunch.

Regret to record the necessity of Mrs. Pickel undergoing an operation for appendicitis, on October 11th, but glad to say she is doing exceptionally well now.

Mrs. Claybourn also under the weather a few days, and "M" had two jobs for about a week. Buddy, I don't mind the cooking but that there dish washing job! Gosh, heck.

Pearson, after several weeks extra work this office, left for Sapulpa where he bid in regular.

Somerville, also an extra man the short time, now in Sapulpa.

Andy "Q" Thorson back from Birmingham, about September 17th after relieving Manager "Y" there. Reports Birmingham as being all that John Godsey claims for it as a town, but work, oh, my.

Mrs. B. P. Schneider recently returned from several weeks in Iowa and Minnesota, and reports a splendid trip. Had noticed the wan look on Ben's face, but not knowing the Mrs. had been away had been unable to account for it.

McDonald contracted a severe case of "bug-itis" one night recently while working with a fast man at Kansas

City. It was feared for a time that he would have to be removed to the hospital, but first aid methods finally revived him.

And now terror has struck the heart of Christopher again, as it is reported that Maxwell leaves Sunday night, the 19th, for Alabama, (probably via Texarkana) and Chris has the prospect of another extra man to break in.

But there is always a silver lining, and rumor says that Harry Jarrett, an old timer in these parts, will relieve Maxwell.

McDonald and the so-called reporter recently took some splendid pictures for the baby page, but the mothers of some of the babies objected so the pictures had to be suppressed.

And now we will spring a few on our messenger force. First of all, Chief Messenger Feyen reports that inasmuch as the TRRA at St. Louis doesn't operate their own passenger trains they are not a railroad. Perhaps he is correct, but I was pretty sure I saw some rails around the Union Depot, on my last trip to St. Louis.

Some time ago a fine looking young fellow entered our office. Curiosity prompted me to ask one of the boys who the gentleman was. He replied that he was "one of the stock holders." Asked him what he meant, "stock holder?" Said he didn't know anything about the man only "he has something to do with stock." Further inquiry revealed the fact that the man was E. F. Tillman, general live stock agent.

Rather belated, but yet worth mentioning. During the veterans' reunion last summer one of the boys wanted to know of Wire Chief Craig one evening what to do with "This message for the Frisco Veterinarian's Association."

And still another of them one day typed a message to the wife of a patient at the hospital who had become temporarily deranged to the effect that her husband had become "Historical" and advised her to come to Springfield at once.

But still and all, as Ring would say, they are a fine lot of boys and young men with bright prospects ahead. Mr. Kurn's job will be vacant some day.

Messengers Hart and King have spent several Sundays recently in surrounding cities; understand seeking the answer to what makes the telegraph "tell."

And, saddest to relate, ye scribe recently found it necessary to donate the City of Springfield the sum of \$18.65 for stepping too heavy, and they always told me a flivver wouldn't do it. How sad.

**Division Accountant's Office  
Eastern Division**

H. H. McGarvey, Reporter

We were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Jack Wilson, at Enid, Oklahoma, October 5th. Jack was the son of C. M. Wilson, of this office, and was employed in the division

storekeeper's office at Enid. We extend our sympathy to his heart-broken family.

Traveling Accountant Al. E. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson have returned from a vacation trip through the east. Al. reports a wonderful trip, having visited New York City, Atlantic City and Washington, D. C. Do not know whether Al. met the president while in Washington or not, but will bet

that the only reason he didn't was because Cal was out of town. We know for sure that he went to the Follies while in New York, and his eyes were strained from the sights he saw on the beach at Atlantic City.

Walter B. Hudson announces the birth of a son, Charles Noel, on September 30th. Mother and baby are doing fine (so is the father). Walter says it's lucky that boy got here on

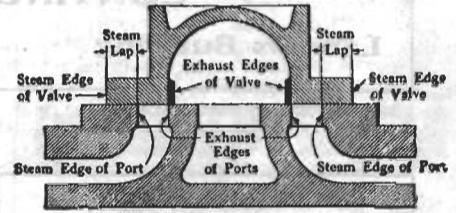
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- 6—Explain what is meant by the steam and the exhaust edges of a valve.
- 7—Explain what is meant by the steam and exhaust edges of the steam ports.
- 8—(a) What is steam lap? (b) What is the purpose of steam lap?
- 9—What is exhaust clearance?
- 10—What is lead, and what is the purpose of lead?
- 11—Define valve travel.
- 12—Name and define the valve events.
- 13—Name the cylinder events.
- 14—Define the cylinder events, and name the valve event that begins and ends each cylinder event.
- 15—What is meant by a short and long cut-off?
- 16—Name the positions of the main crankpin.
- 17—How many valve events occur for each turn of the driving wheels?
- 18—Considering the right side of the locomotive, give the approximate positions of the main crankpin when the exhaust occurs at the different points.
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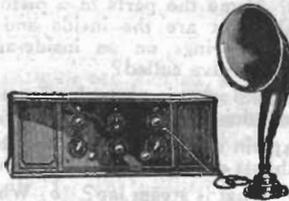
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pay day. Yep, Walter passed cigars
and candy. This makes two boys for
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, look on the
baby page for picture.

Doc Johns, B&B clerk, is going to
split his vote in the November elec-
tion. He says he is going to vote for
Coolidge for president and Bryan for
vice-president. How do you get that
way, Doc?

While checking water facilities on
the "high line," the motor car on

which Traveling Accountant Hal Lamkin and Water Service Foreman J. S. Woods were riding, jumped the track, just south of Flemington. Mr. Woods received severe scalp wounds and was confined to the hospital for several days, Hal came out of it without a scratch.

The office boy in Mr. Shaffer's office seems to know all about women. While in a drug store downtown the other day the writer happened to hear part of a telephone conversation between a good looking girl and someone else. During this conversation this girl said, "You just ask Oscar Bass, he knows all about me." What about her, Oscar?

**F. L. & D. Claim Department**  
By Charlene Willard

After a wild and hilarious time, betting on the world's series, everything is quiet and peaceful in the Freight Claim Department. No one seems particularly interested in anything, except the coming election and by the time the magazine goes to press we will all know what our fate is to be.

R. E. Goudelock, claim investigator, who recently was operated on for appendicitis, is now convalescing at his home and is reported to be getting along very nicely.

Mary Lohmeyer spent a delightful week, the latter part of October, in Lebanon, Tenn., visiting the law students in that town.

H. K. Hayes and J. D. Turner, of this office, are busy helping out in the cotton movement. Hayes is stationed in the Oklahoma territory and Turner on the River Division.

Era Robinson has accepted a life-long position with Newton Dorris, switchman in the Springfield North Yards, and accordingly has tendered her resignation, effective the 15th of this month. The event will take place around Thanksgiving time, it is rumored. Verne Tulloch and Vida Whitsett gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Robinson at the home of the former, 735 South Missouri Avenue, the first week of November, and the bride-to-be was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. The Claim Department extends hearty congratulations and sincere wishes for a long and happy married life.

R. H. Burnie, assistant superintendent of F. L. & D. claims, was in Memphis the last of October on business for the company.

Marjorie Risser, active campaign manager for a number of Democratic office seekers, will take the rest cure after November 4th and visit friends in Tulsa.

Leo Barret was absent from his desk several days the last of October and it is rumored around that he had the knot tied somewhere but is keeping it a secret. If congratulations are in line Leo we don't want to fail you in your hour of need. You know the Claim Department is right there when it comes to showers, wedding presents, good wishes, etc.

Kathryn Risser, on leave of absence for thirty days, is spending a few weeks in Rochester, Minn.

It is the unanimous opinion of all who saw our "boss" in the Kiwanis Minstrel Show recently, that he is a second Lassus White. We certainly enjoyed the show and are glad to know that the Kiwanians cleared approximately \$1,000 which will be used in the maintenance of the Springfield playgrounds for children during the year 1925.

Dazel Lewis and Carrie Livingston are certainly putting something over on the girls in this department. They have been seen up town every night this week parading around with two handsome sheiks, and it is no wonder we are all dying with curiosity because we know they don't belong in this town.

Every effort is being put forth to stage another one of those famous get-together Claim Department banquets, such as we held about two years ago. Since that time we have had a number of new employes to join our family circle and we think the time is now right to show all what a wonderfully progressive and democratic office force we have.

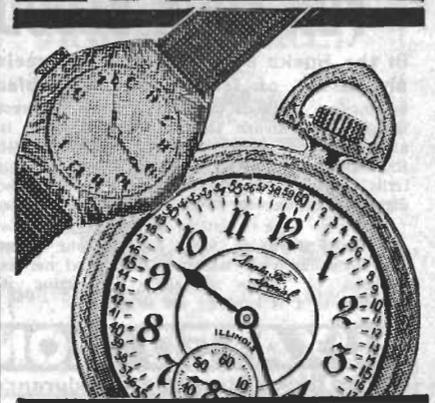
**Purchasing Department**  
By R. M. McBride

Saturday morning, October 18th, the girls of our department filed in about 7:55, each one dolled within an inch of her life in dresses which never before had made their appearance in an office, in fact they were in every respect party or afternoon dresses, and, too, there was an atmosphere of excitement about the girls; it was very evident something was up and it finally leaked out that they were giving a surprise farewell luncheon at Hotel Statler for Mildred Johnson, Mr. Wood's good-looking secretary, who was married on the 22nd to Wm. Roehl.

I understand the luncheon was quite a success. Miss Johnson, Margaret Cowan, Grace McEvoy, Kathryn Hughes, Lucille Meyer, Frances Coffman and Gabe Gorman were those who made up the party. This was all a surprise to Miss Johnson, who was under the impression that she was dining with Miss Gorman, until they came to the reserved table where the other five girls were waiting. Mildred was very much surprised, as planned.

Last week several of the girls in this department decided that the proper thing for them to do was to get up a party and have a weiner roast. Well, there was not much trouble in getting about fourteen girls to say yes when the suggestion was made to a few of the girls in other departments. After all arrangements were made regarding the eats, the next question was where they would stage the affair. It was finally decided that Forest Park was the ideal spot and they all decided on the meeting place.

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How many of us ever think that perhaps some younger person is trying to emulate us? Each of us is an example for someone. Does it not behoove us, therefore, to guard against doing anything but that which we, ourselves, would be willing to emulate?

What an infinitesimally small unit of this great domain one is, and yet, each of us is of sufficient importance to be a part of it.

Making hay while the sun shines entitles you to rest and fortitude during eventide.

### Annual Convention of Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers Held at Birmingham, Ala.

When the mine operators of the Birmingham District had the honor of entertaining the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, October 13-15, it caused many to realize and feel exceedingly proud of the great progress made in the coal mining and iron and steel industry of this district.

The visitors were welcomed by George Gordon Crawford, president, Tennessee Coal Iron & R. R. Co. Quite a number of the foremost mining engineers and state geologists of the country were present. They visited the properties of the Woodward Iron Co., Gulf States Steel and other Companies, 241 persons in the party making a trip over the Birmingham dis-

trict via special train.

The entire membership were unanimous in their opinion of Birmingham and the entire district, stating the development of the mining industry in this district since the Institute convened here in 1888, has been marvelous, expressing astonishment over the extensiveness of the developments and predicted that Birmingham, in the future, would be a still greater factor in the industrial progress of the South; it was expressed that Birmingham will be a city of 500,000 population within 25 years and Birmingham people are striving to make this increase.

In their inspection trips over the district, not only the manner in which the plants are maintained, cleanliness and living conditions being the highest standard, were highly praised, but were also much interested in the beautification which is being carried forward in the Birmingham District, the attractiveness of the homes and surroundings.

Many of the mining and steel industries of this district are located on and are given one hundred per cent service by the Frisco Lines, and as Birmingham continues to grow, the Frisco will continue to serve.

### Accounting Department Fort Worth, Texas

By Lois M. Sheppard

Marshall R. Evans, file clerk, is quite a lucky fellow, yet unlucky. If you are a reader of the "Liberty" Magazine, you know they have been, and still are giving away \$1,000 weekly for the best "tongue twisters"—ten \$100 prizes. Marshall was lucky and won two of these prizes, the first one was CLEAR, but oh, the second. See Marshall is quite a hunter, and through mere accident strolled (with gun over shoulder) into posted property. Many of you have been in the same boat and know just how thrilling it is to come face to face with an unexpected constable. The meeting of Mr. Constable and the announcement of Marshall's good luck in the "Liberty" happened the same week. It may be just another rumor, but we've heard that Marshall bought all the "Liberty" Magazines within easy reach of the said constable, thinking, of course, he might read of his good fortune and his fine would be not \$15 or under, but \$50 or over.

The Texas Coyote, being none other than Ben Lewis, and John Freeman have also been trying their hand at "tongue twisters," and judging from the number they've sent in from different localities we'll surely have other winners from this office.

James A. Hart, alias Wm. S. Hart, is one of few who does not mind telling his age, and one could hardly blame him, for just last week, the 7th of October, he had a birthday that will long be remembered. About twenty young people gave him a surprise party, and of course he got many gifts. Among the gifts being a beautiful overcoat given him by his wife. The

next evening some friends had him out to a real birthday dinner—had 'cake with (?) candles' and everything that goes with it.

Wm. G. Skeen competes no longer with Joe. B. White for the title of "sheik," for he has given up his love for the ladies and is devoting his entire time to learning g-o-l-f; so since he is still in the market for golf clubs and balls you will do him a great favor if you will put him in touch with someone who has these articles in A-1 condition, yet reasonable, for sale.

Nobody knows what Wm. C. McAlester said when he tried to shoot a dove and discovered he did not have his gun loaded. Mac went hunting recently, seeing a dove he jumped from his car, gun in hand all set ready to shoot, maybe, and followed it for half a mile before it lighted. He then knelt down, took aim and made a desperate effort to bring down his bird, but 'twas all in vain 'cause in his hurry he forgot to load.

We regret very much to have lost a mighty good comptometer operator, Annie Mae Overhiser, she having resigned recently; but we are pleased to introduce to you Eda Fae Davidson, her successor.

Wonder why Joe Tomlinson, our new office boy, has taken such a keen interest in Sunday night church services?

### Springfield General Store Room

Bertha V. Reed, Reporter

Helen Aldrich has returned to work after spending her vacation at home and has accepted the position as invoice clerk made vacant by C. J. Renshaw. Mr. Renshaw accepting agent's position account J. J. Corum being transferred to Southwestern Division.

J. M. Walker, chief clerk to general storekeeper, has returned from a two days' visit with his father at Wichita, Kansas.

Homer Weber has returned from his vacation. He visited his father at New Franklin, Mo.

Gertrude Crow, of the Accounting Department, has returned from Detroit, Mich., where she spent her vacation. Gertrude reported a nice trip.

The safety first signs, "This car stops for all Railroad Crossings," have been distributed among the employees of the Store Department. Mr. Fitzgerald says that an engine would have to run off of the track if it hit Sam Gaston, and that Sam didn't need one of these signs on his car.

Pearl Fain, stenographer in general storekeeper's office, spent her vacation in St. Louis and Tulsa. An enjoyable trip was reported.

E. M. Fitzgerald is in the habit of taking Titus Berst's small son to the picture shows and different places of amusement. A circus was in town recently and Mr. Fitz took this little fellow to see the performance. From the way the little boy brags about getting all these animals for himself when he gets older, Mr. Fitz must have left the impression that he owned the circus. Titus said that Mr. Fitz was trying to get his son to say "rhinoceros" and the word was so